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Air Transportation Wage Survey
Alaska
June 1989

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Summary
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This summary presents results of a June 1989 survey of occupational wages in the air transportation industry in the State of Alaska. This study was conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965.

This study covered establishments employing five workers or more engaged in providing air transportation, facilities, or services (industry 45, as defined in the 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual). Establishments classified as large certified carriers by the U. S. Federal Avaiation Administration and foreign air carriers were excluded from the scope of the survey. The sample of 27 establishments employing 1,933 workers was selected to represent 68 establishments employing 2,765 workers in the State. Data collected in the sample of establishments were statistically weighted to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Tables 1 and 2 provide average earnings information for aircraft pilots, mechanics, and servicers.

Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

A survey covering most private industries is also conducted in Alaska. A current report is available from any of the Bureau's regional offices listed on the back page of this report.

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Table 1. Occupational earnings of aircraft pilots in Alaska, June 1989

Occupation	Number of workers	Daily earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving daily earnings (in dollars) of—																		
		Mean	Median	Middle range	30 and under 40	40 – 50	50 – 60	60 – 70	70 – 80	80 – 90	90 – 100	100 – 110	110 – 120	120 – 130	130 – 140	140 – 150	150 – 160	160 – 170	170 – 180	180 – 200	200 – 220	220 – 240	240 – 260	260 – 280	280 – 300
Aircraft pilots [2]	557	117.50	123.00	100.00– 144.00	60	–	9	5	21	22	19	81	41	86	56	45	30	32	16	22	8	1	1	–	2
Fixed-wing aircraft	314	114.50	126.50	83.50– 149.50	60	–	9	3	6	9	4	24	17	41	35	29	13	29	15	18	2	–	–	–	–
Single engine	167	89.50	93.50	38.50– 125.00	60	–	9	3	2	7	4	13	14	18	7	5	–	14	9	2	–	–	–	–	–
Multiengine	77	140.00	135.00	128.00– 152.00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	3	18	9	12	9	7	2	4	2	–	–	–	–
Helicopters	243	121.00	116.00	100.00– 136.00	–	–	–	2	15	13	15	57	24	45	21	16	17	3	1	4	6	1	1	–	2

[1] Daily pay of salaried workers is calculated by dividing earnings by the number of scheduled workdays associated with the pay. For hourly paid workers, earnings for the pay period studied are divided by the number of days worked. Earnings data include base pay, salaries, and payments based on the number of flight hours reported. Premium pay for overtime, reimbursement for meals and lodging, field pay, and nonproduction bonuses or other lump-sum payments were excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than the rate shown and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] The overall occupation for fixed-wing aircraft pilots includes data for workers not identified by type of equipment.

Table 2. Occupational earnings of workers in Alaska, June, 1989

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																						
		Mean	Median	Middle range	4.00 and under 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 – 18.00	18.00 – 19.00	19.00 – 20.00
Aircraft mechanics	310	15.71	15.50	13.91–17.93	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4	31	40	44	46	30	49	15	47
Fixed-wing aircraft	161	16.59	17.00	15.40–19.00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	3	16	5	6	17	21	33	12	44
Helicopters	130	14.82	14.38	13.50–15.93	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	14	29	34	21	9	16	3	3
Aircraft servicers	345	7.59	7.19	6.25– 8.00	4	6	18	10	50	47	40	73	21	15	9	17	8	8	–	12	4	–	3	–	–	–	–

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are nonproduction bonuses and lump-sum payments. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] The overall classification for aircraft mechanics included data for workers not identified by type of aircraft.

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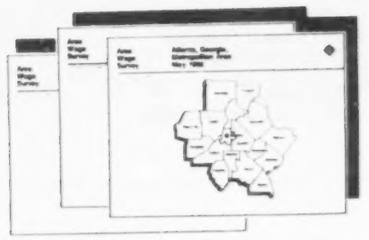

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